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MASS SCHEDULE: Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:00 a.m. Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m. Sunday Masses 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

& 11:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses 5:30 p.m. (eve of Holy Day) 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

(Christmas and New Year's have special schedules)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS:

TV - Sunday, 5:30 a.m. WPVI Channel 6, Daily & Sunday, 8:00 a.m. EWTN

BAPTISMS: Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month at 12:30 p.m. Preparation is held on the SECOND *TUESDAY* of each month, 7:30 PM, in Room 18 of the Church Building. Godparents must be practicing the faith and present a Letter of Eligibility from their parish. No date can be set for baptism until parents have fulfilled these responsibilities.

MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 p.m., or on Friday afternoons.

SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory, 215-672-3020.

REGISTRATION: All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should register. Boundaries: South of Street Road from Lower State Rd., to Norristown Rd., to County Line, to Blair Mill Rd., to Moreland Rd., to Maple Ave., to Horsham Rd., to Limekiln Pike, to Lower State Rd. & back to Street Road.

If you are not registered, we cannot serve you in ways which require us to know you. Please call the Rectory (215-672-3020.) We will welcome you as part of our community of faith.

PARISH **ACTIVITIES:** Catholic Youth Organization. **PREP** (Parish Religious Education Program), Choir (Adult and Children's), Home & School Association, Men's Group, Miraculous Medal Novena and Respect Life Committee, Rite of Rosary, Christian Initiation of Adults. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)

2025 Parish Lenten Day of Reflection Saturday, March 8, 2025

Presenter: Father Patrick Brady Vice-Rector and Professor of Sacred Scripture St. Charles Borromeo Seminary



Order of Day:
10:30 Welcome and Refreshments: Church Hall
11:00 Presentation by Fr. Brady: Church Hall
12:00 Lunch: Church Hall
1:00 Holy Hour with Presentation by Fr. Brady and Benediction: Church

The Lenten Day of Reflection is free, but please register for lunch Call or email the Parish Office to register for the lunch by <u>February 28.</u>
215 672 3020 or sic18976@verizon.net

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko

My Dear Parishioners,

It is a sad fact that cybercrimes are common, increasingly sophisticated and very successful. These are crimes committed through our computers and cellphones. The two common types of cybercrimes are imposter scams and phishing scams.

Many cybercrimes start with a "copycat" email address. These copycat criminals pretend to be a real person, institution, company, or *even a family member*. They create an email address that looks like a legitimate email address. Then, they use these fake email addresses to commit fraud.

Let us use our parish as an example. Our parish's real email address is sjc18976@verizon.net. A copycat cybercriminal will create an email address that looks similar, such as scj18976@verizon.net or sjc18976@verizon.net. Notice the differences?

Then the cybercriminal will email you pretending to be someone from the office. They may ask for help with a fundraiser or ask for gift cards for a needy family. They may also ask for updated personal information. Their goal is to get your money, and if possible, to get your credit card or Social Security information. The first is called an imposter scam. The second is called phishing.

This is all very scary.

Experian helps to further explain imposter scams: Scammers almost always hide their identity, and imposter scams are one of the most common types of scams or fraud because the category is fairly broad. These happen when the scammer pretends to be a friend, relative, celebrity, clergy, politician, businessperson, government agent, delivery person or company representative.

Some types of imposter scams are so prevalent that they have their own name, such as the grandparent scam (which doesn't actually always involve a grandparent) and romance scams (which sometimes involve platonic rather than romantic relationships).

According to the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) 2023 Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book, about 20% of people targeted by an imposter scam in 2023 lost money, and the median loss was \$800. The FTC also reported that government imposter scams in particular led to a massive increase in losses during the first three months of 2024, with median losses of \$14,740.

Now that scammers can use AI, it's more important than ever to be skeptical when someone contacts you, especially if they try to scare you or offer you a gift or investment opportunity.

The Federal Trade Commission defines phishing scams as such:

Scammers use email or text messages to try to steal your passwords, account numbers, or Social Security numbers. If they get that information, they could get access to your email, bank, or other accounts. Or they could sell your information to other scammers. Scammers launch thousands of phishing attacks like these every day — and they're often successful. (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

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Saturday	Feb. 22			
	5:00 p.m.	Joseph McColgan		
Sunday	Feb 23			
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	9:30 a.m.	Fred Adamski		
	11:30 a.m.	Edwin Steck		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of		
		Michael & Christopher		
		Mattera		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Jim Hurley		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Catherine & John Dudas		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Hartey		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Kenneth Farrell		
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Paul McDermott		
	Mar. 1			
	5:00 p.m.	Catherine & John Dudas		
Sunday	Mar. 2			
	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish		
	9:30 a.m.	Stephen Macrone		
	11:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of		
		Michael Pham		

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Paula Bielecki, Donna Cunningham, Josh Craft, Paul Han, Don Higgins, Dolores Krysztopowicz, Irene Lennon, Patricia McCloskey, Dave McKay, Art McLaughlin, John Merritt, Moira Merritt, Gertrude Nelson, Patricia Picciocchi, Sarah Rank, Joseph Ranweiler, Gino, Theresa, Dean, & Rick Romaniello, Clare Smith, William Sparke, Stanley Travis, III, Patricia True, Jack Wilhelm, Joan Winterborne, John Zerbe.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, February 24

*Adoration - 8:30 am - 7:30 pm

*Mass @ Luther Woods – 2:00 pm

**Men's Group* – 7:30 pm

*Rosary - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 25

*Rosary/Communion Serv. @ Christ Home - 2:00 pm

Wednesday, February 26

*Children's Choir – 5:30 pm

*Adult Choir – 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 27

*Charismatic Prayer Group – 7:00 pm – Church Hall

Bulletin Submittals

Email requests to <u>sjc18976@verizon.net</u>. All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

2024 Contribution Letters

Contribution letters are available by request by calling or emailing the office.

Readings for The Week

Mon: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tues: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37 **Wed:** Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk

9:38-40

Thurs: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Fri: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12 **Sat:** Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16 **Sun:** Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk

6:39-45

From the Desk of Fr. Pawelko (continued)

Scammers often update their tactics to keep up with the latest news or trends, but here are some common tactics used in phishing emails or text messages:

Phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. You might get an unexpected email or text message that looks like it's from a company you know or trust, like a bank or a credit card or utility company. Or maybe it's from an online payment website or app. The message could be from a scammer, who might

- say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts they haven't
- claim there's a problem with your account or your payment information — there isn't
- say you need to confirm some personal or financial information you don't
- include an invoice you don't recognize it's fake
- want you to click on a link to make a payment but the link has malware
- say you're eligible to register for a government refund it's a scam
- offer a coupon for free stuff it's not real

The most important thing to remember is that if something looks suspicious or doesn't feel right, there's a good chance it is a scam. Also, don't be silent if you think that you have been a victim of a cybercrime. Yes, it can be embarrassing, but please don't be silent. Tell someone. Get help.

Take the time to call. If you get a strange email or text message from your bank or an email from your bank asking you to "update personal information," call or visit your local bank branch and ask if it came from them before responding to the email or text message. There's a good chance it wasn't from them but from a scammer.

Similarly, if you get a strange email from a parish or a priest or a charity asking for money or personal information, call the office of that parish or that charity. Ask if the email was sent by the parish or the priest or the charity before responding to it. It probably wasn't but came from a scammer.

Also, if you get a strange or threatening email or text message that appears to be from local or state police, the sheriff's office, or the IRS, call them or visit them. Ask if the email or text message is really from them. It probably wasn't, either.

This is the same for the utilities and the credit card companies with which you deal. If you get a threatening email from them warning that service or accounts are about to be terminated because of nonpayment, call them and make sure it is from them before doing anything else. It probably is a scam

And sadly, if you think that you are a victim of a cybercrime, report it. Our local police can help and the Federal Trade Commission has a helpful site: https://www.identitytheft.gov/Info-Lost-or-Stolen.

Some other tips for avoiding being a victim of cybercrime.

- As always, it is good to keep your computers and cellphones updated with the latest updates. Most of these updates have updated security features in them that offer at least some protection from cybercrimes.
- It is also helpful to set the highest and strictest filters on email services. Yes, a few good emails might get "filtered out," but the vast majority will be junk and scam emails.
- It is good to periodically change passwords and to never, ever, for any reason, share these passwords with anyone else, especially through an email. Remember, the person asking for the password is most likely an imposter!

On a happier note, we had a very nice pastoral visit by Bishop Christopher Cooke. He really enjoyed himself and loved the spirit of the parish. But then again, what isn't there to love about our parish?

This week, our first reading from the Book of Samuel reminds us that Original Sin pre-disposes us to "nail our enemies to the ground." Jesus, however, allowed Himself to be nailed to the Cross instead of nailing us, born into Original Sin, to the ground. Jesus then asks us to do what He did for us: to love our enemies and to do good to them. The best thing we can do for them is to seek reconciliation and forgiveness and to help them come into relationship with Jesus. Then our hearts will always be open for the gifts of Heaven, a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, that will be poured into our laps.

St. Joseph, Patron of the Church, and our Patron, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, Pastor.

Hospitality Sunday

The Music Ministry will be hosting Hospitality Sunday after all Masses on Sunday, March 2 in Room 18.

Also, the Health and Help

Ministry will be available outside Room 18 to check Blood Pressures.

Treasures From Our Tradition

This week's calendar appears at first to have a feast day for a piece of furniture: the Chair of Peter. In fact, it functions as a kind of ecclesial "Presidents' Day." The church day points to Peter, but just as Presidents' Day began with Washington's Birthday and now includes all presidents, this day celebrates the Petrine ministry: Peter's apostolic presidency passed down in our tradition as an essential aspect of Catholic identity. Maybe the day should be subtitled "Popes' Day." As for the "chair" itself, it can be traced to the house of Priscilla and Aquila in ancient Rome. Peter sat there to instruct the faithful and to receive the newly baptized. When Christianity became legal, the house was transformed into a place for public prayer, and soon the chair was transported to the tomb of St. Peter on the Vatican hill. Over the centuries, the hill was leveled, but the tomb and the chair were preserved.

Today, it is said that the chair from that ancient Roman community is raised high above the altar in St. Peter's, clearly visible just beneath the oval window showing the descent of the Holy Spirit. The symbol of the chair reminds the current occupant of the Petrine office of his duties to shepherd the flock by clear teaching and by building up the unity of the Church. Last year, on this very day, Pope Benedict XVI named fifteen new cardinals as an expression of this pastoral care for the unity of the Church, drawing them from a variety of cultures everywhere around the globe. —Rev. James Field

Monthly Food Drive



Next weekend, March 1st & 2nd, we will be collecting items for the Food Bank. Non-perishables only. No expired food please. Foods currently requested at this time include: Tea Bags, Beef Stew, Baked Beans, Sloppy Joe Mix, Oatmeal Variety Pack, Jelly, Syrup, Gravy Packets,

Saltines, Mayonnaise. Non Food items: Store Gift Cards, Laundry Detergent (liquid or pods), Household Cleaning Supplies, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Oral Care, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and **gently used grocery size paper bags**. The Warminster Food Bank thanks you for your generous donation of <u>901 pounds</u> collected in February

Music Ministry

Adult Choir
February 23rd – 11:30am
Children's Choir
March 2nd – 11:30am



Man Up Philly "Becoming Pilgrims of Hope"

March 8, 2025, 8:30 am. Join the over 1400 men of the archdiocese in a day of reflection and spiritual regeneration. Listen to our awesome speakers recount their faith journeys and the importance of their faith in their lives. Speakers: Pro Football HOF safety, Brian Dawkins, entrepreneur and Papal Knight, Ward FitzGerald, founder of Team Hope, Eddie Morris, and Pastor of St Cyprian Parish, Msgr. Federico Britto. Cardinal O'Hara High School, 1701 S. Springfield, PA 19064. Sproul Road, Register at http://www.manupphilly.com/registration/ For more information contact us at Manupphilly@gmail.com. Cost \$65.00; Students \$25.00

Martin Saints Classical High School

Annual Fish Fry. Meals are \$20 and include two pieces of Icelandic cod, French fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, and dessert. Eat-in or carry-out. Place your order by March 9. Friday, March 14th, 2025, 4:00 - 6:00 pm Located on our school campus at St Titus Church, 3000 Keenwood Road, East Norriton, PA 19403. whymsc.org/fish-fry

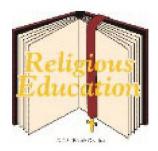
Shroud Encounter

Save the Date! The highly acclaimed **Shroud Encounter** will be at Saint John Bosco, 215 E. County Line Road, Hatboro, on March 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the church. This is the kind of event that comes along once in a decade and is a testament to our beliefs as Christians. We welcome all who want to explore this mystery with us. Please mark your calendars so you can be with us that evening. For more information call 267-803-0774.



	2025	2024
	February 9	February 11
Envelopes	\$ 5,630.00	\$ 7,382.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,271.55	\$ 3,098.47
Total	\$ 9,901.55	\$10,480.47





<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 25</u> – All grades in session. Pre-Lenten Penance Service for all students.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 4</u> – All grades in session.

Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday.

<u>Tuesday, March 11</u> – Stations of the Cross for all students - 6:15 pm. Drop off and pick up at Church.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 18</u> – All grades in session.

<u>Tuesday, March 25</u> – All grades in session.

<u>Wednesday, March 26</u> – Confirmation practice in Church Hall 6:00 pm. - Drop off and pick up at Church.

<u>Thursday, March 27</u> – Confirmation Mass 5:00 pm. Students should report to Church by 4:15 pm.





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Last week our younger students celebrated their one-hundredth day of school! Math class featured special activities, of course, but the celebration extended beyond numbers—some students dressed as if they were one hundred years old, while others wrote about what they would do with one hundred dollars. To our youngest learners, one hundred is such a big number, and reaching this milestone was a source of great pride! It was wonderful to reminisce with them about the first day of school and how much they've grown since.

Meanwhile, the Phillies started training in Clearwater this week, which can only mean one thing—spring is just around the corner! Spring is a season of growth and renewal, and it is a particularly beautiful time for our Church as our 7th graders prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and our 3rd graders are getting ready to receive the Eucharist for the first time. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this special time of preparation.

God bless you, and have a wonderful week! Mrs. Durkin



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Parish Registration

New parishioners are always welcome!

Call the Parish Office Monday - Thursday to register. Help us keep our records updated by notifying us if you are moving from the Parish or have changed your address, phone number, email address, etc., at 215-672-3020 or sjc18976@verizon.net.

Safe Environment Program

All people who volunteer for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are **required** to fulfill the following obligations: **CLEARANCES:**

PA State Police Criminal Record Check

https://epatch.pa.gov/home

PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Ck. https://www.compass.state.pa.us

Federal History Fingerprint Clearance*

https://uenroll.identogo.com

*ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

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- Go to https://signup.formed.org/
- Enter our parish's zip code 18976 then click on St. Joseph
- Enter your name and your email address

That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching FORMED Catholic in your app store.

Visit with Our Lady of Guadalupe

"The Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe" is brought to your home by a parishioner on Sunday. Our Lady wants to come and visit with you in a personal way for a whole week. Welcome her with love and gratitude. Gather each day to pray, speak to her about your concerns. Empty your heart out to her then in silence let her fill it with her maternal love, guidance and graces she obtains for you. Let her renew you in the spirit of her Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior. Then on the following Sunday the picture of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" will be picked up and continue on to her next family visit. To schedule a visit call Kathie Zajkowski @ 484-925-8080.

Stay Informed at St. Joseph Parish



Stay Informed! We have adopted a new way of communicating with you. Evangelus is the communication system for our parish.

eva.us/carpenter to sign-up. You can also follow us on Social media and download our parish app as well.

Reminder

Please remember to make all checks for the Special and Second Collections payable to St. Joseph Church, not the individual charity. All donations received are then forwarded to the appropriate organization.

St. Joseph On-Line Giving

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
- 2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
- 3. Click on the Donate button
- 4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

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